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THE FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECSTATE WASHDC FROM JAKARTA  
14 JUN 1973 REPEATED TO YOU QUOTE:

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SUBJECT: SEISMIC RESEARCH OBSERVATORIES PROGRAM (SRP)

1. IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSAL PUT FORWARD IN  
REFERENCE , THE FOLLOWING REPLY HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY  
THE EMBASSY FROM W. SIJATAUW, DIRECTOR, METEOROLOGICAL  
AND GEOPHYSICAL INSTITUTE, DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS  
JAKARTA:

" THE PROPOSAL TO UP GRADE THE LEMBANG OBSERVATORY AS  
CONTAINED IN YOUR LETTER OF MAY 24, 1973 HAS BEEN  
EVALUATED BY THE LEMBAGA METEOROLOGI DAN GEOFISIKA  
WITH CONSIDERABLE INTEREST.

" HOWEVER , IN ORDER TO MAKE A MORE PRECISE ASSESSMENT OF  
THE OPERATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF INDONESIA AND THE  
FINANCIAL CONSEQUENCES INVOLVED SHOULD INDONESIA DECIDE  
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TO PRICIPATE IN THIS PROGRAM, IT IS CONSIDERED NECESSARY

TO SEEK MORE DETAILED INFORMATION REGARDING SOME ASPECTS OF THE PROPOSAL SUCH AS THE EXACT SITE LOCATION AT LEMBANG, THE TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION OF THE EQUIPMENT INCLUDING THE INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS, TRANSFER OF TITLE, PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS ETC.

" THIS INFORMATION IS NEEDED TO FACILITATE CONSULTATION BETWEEN THE INDONESIAN AUTHORITIES INVOLVED IN SUCH MATTERS.

" IT IS THEREFORE SUGGESTED THAT INFORMATION DISCUSSED BETWEEN THE RESPECTIVE UNITED STATES AND INDONESIAN AGENCIES BE HELD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE PRIOR TO ANY DECISION OR COMMITMENT FROM THE PART OF INDONESIA."

2. IN A PRIVATE CONVERSATION EARLIER WITH DR. R. SOETADI, SEISMOLOGICAL SECTION, OF THE METEOROLOGICAL AND GEOPHYSICAL INSTITUTE, THE EMBASSY SCIENCE OFFICER LEARNED THAT DR. SOETADI FORESEES POSSIBLE BUDGET PROBLEMS FOR THE INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT IF IT ACCEPTS THE UNITED STATES UPGRADING PROPOSAL. HIS PRIVATE SPECULATION IS BASED ON THE FACT THAT THE INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT IS ALREADY RESPONSIBLE TO UNESCO WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE REGIONAL SEISMOLOGICAL NETWORK DIR SOUTHEAST ASIA. FOR THIS PROGRAM THE INDONESIAN BUDGET IS ALREADY APPROVED FOR FOUR AND A HALF YEARS, TO BECOME EFFECTIVE IN OCTOBER 1973, THE INSTITUTE IS NOT LIKELY TO RECEIVE ANY ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT. A PREPARATORY MISSION FOR THE INDONESIAN INSTITUTE ALREADY HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM DR. HODGSON, OF THE CANADIAN ROYAL OBSERVATORY. EMBASSY WISHES TO STRESS THAT THESE PRIVATE DOUBTS WERE NOT EXPRESSED IN THE OFFICIAL REPLY. NEVERTHELESS, IT SEEMS PROBABLY THAT THIS CONCERN IS RUNNING THROUGH THE MINDS OF THE RESPONSIBLE INDONESIAN AUTHORITIES.

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